



Attention Truckers

Statewide Law Limiting Diesel-Fueled Commercial Vehicle Idling

What does the law require?

Starting 2/1/05 this law affects:

- Commercial vehicles that weigh >10,000 lbs.
- Diesel-fueled
- Both California and non-California based trucks

Starting 2/1/05 this law will:

- Limit idling to **5 minutes within California**
- Limit the use of diesel auxiliary power systems and main engines to **5 minutes when within 100 feet of homes or schools** while driver is resting

See below for when longer idling is allowed

What is the consequence for failing to comply with the law?

The driver of the vehicle is subject to a minimum civil penalty of \$100 and possible criminal penalties as specified in the Health & Safety and Vehicle Codes.

Need more information?

Please visit our website

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/idling/idling.htm>

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WHEN IDLING IS ALLOWED:

- ◆ Buses (other than school buses) can idle 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding and when passengers are on board
- ◆ If a vehicle is stuck in traffic, while stopped at a light or while queuing
- ◆ When forced to remain motionless due to adverse weather conditions (such as being stuck in a snow storm)
- ◆ During engine testing, servicing or repairing (cleaning of commercial vehicles/trucks/buses is not considered servicing)
- ◆ When operating equipment such as a crane, turning the mixer of a cement truck, garbage collection, etc.
- ◆ When preventing a health emergency (such as special needs children that require a certain temperature)
- ◆ Idling of military vehicles during training
- ◆ Idling by vehicles operating equipment as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act
- ◆ When idling is necessary to power a heater or air conditioner while using a sleeper berth (Usually on large semi-trucks)*

*This exception is **NOT** valid when a vehicle is within 100 feet of a restricted area. The law defines a restricted area as "any real property zoned for individual or multifamily housing units that has one or more of such units on it". Simply put, a "restricted area" would be any type of home or dwelling. In addition, idling within 100 feet of schools is also limited to 5 minutes as defined in a different California regulation (Section 2480, Title 13, California Code of Regulations).